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PPC Drawing, dtd. 5/6/99, discloses circuit board 8 mating with terminal cap 1 at a groove contained in cap 1. Board 8 contains a ground contact that is in contact with cap 1 when board 8 is seated in the groove. Ground is established between the circuit on board 8 and cap 1. A similar arrangement was made and sold by Applicants' employer more than a year before the effective filing date of this application, to wit: 8/24/99. However, in both prior cases a ground plane was not disposed between two oppositely directed circuit board surfaces.

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